



Sheldon School
Chippenham

Candidate Information



Teacher of Computer Science

Closing Date: 19th April 2021
Interview Date: TBC

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Cover Letter

March 2021

Dear Colleague,

TEACHER OF COMPUTER SCIENCE REQUIRED FOR SEPTEMBER

Thank you for your interest in this full-time, permanent position. We are seeking to appoint a suitably qualified Computer Science teacher for September 2021 who is willing to be an enthusiastic member of a supportive, professional team. We are committed to excellence of achievement and try to ensure that pupils reach their full potential, at whatever level they are working, by delivering inspirational and stimulating lessons. This position would be equally suitable to an NQT or experienced teacher and it is anticipated that the successful candidate will be required to contribute to the delivery of computing across all key stages.

Sheldon is a high-achieving school with a strong record of success. You would be joining a very hardworking and supportive faculty which has a strong collegiate atmosphere. We offer a full programme of induction and support to all colleagues who join us and there is a continual focus on staff development and wellbeing, both of which rated very highly in the most recent external survey. Staff morale, in what are challenging educational times, is high, borne out of there being a real sense of community. We work hard, but the effort is worth it: the students certainly appreciate it and you will have plenty of fulfilment.

I personally believe that Sheldon is a great school. I have worked in six schools in total and am continually impressed by the positivity of the staff and the atmosphere around the school that is overwhelmingly happy and shows our students to be enjoying their learning in a thriving environment. It's simply a pleasure to come to work each day and I think you would find staff will say the same to you were you to ask them. We're obviously working through some interesting times, but even now the camaraderie between staff is excellent and the engagement between staff and students very positive.

Further details concerning the faculty and the school are enclosed from Jon Scourfield, Head of BEC, together with an application form. In addition, we have included other information to outline the all-round offer, but please also take the time to look at what happens in the school day-to-day by visiting our website. I hope that, having read the information, you will be keen to apply.

The successful candidate will be required to safeguard and promote the welfare of all pupils in the school. The post will be dependent on a successful enhanced DBS check.

Please complete the application form and return it with a supporting letter (no more than two sides of A4 please), by post or email to hr@sheldonschool.co.uk. Closing date for applications – **19th April 2021 (12 noon)**.

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We hope to interview by the end of April 2021, so if you have heard nothing by this date, please assume you have been unsuccessful on this occasion. If this proves to be the case, thank you for your interest in Sheldon School and best wishes for your future career.

Yours faithfully,



Neil Spurdell
Headteacher



Business, economics and computing

The business, economics and computing faculty currently consist of six teaching staff. We have worked hard over recent years to develop the delivery of Computer Science at all Key Stages. Under the management of the Head of Computing we now have popular A Level and GCSE Computer Science options. Business and economics are also well-established subjects within the school. Results are strong and student numbers are consistently high.

We currently deliver ICT at KS3, with students taught in mixed ability tutor groups. We have developed this course over recent years to ensure that it has a much greater computing element to it. Students cover the essential elements of digital literacy, with a strong emphasis on computing and computer science as the key stages progress. At KS4 we deliver GCSE Computer Science (Edexcel 2020 specification), as well as Cambridge Nationals Creative iMedia. Uptake to both courses is strong and growing. At KS5 we offer A level Computer Science (OCR). Uptake from GCSE groups is also strong, populated with enthusiastic and dedicated students.

The faculty is very well-resourced, with four dedicated computing suites including interactive whiteboards. Staff make excellent use of Office 365 and MS Teams. We are very well-supported by our IT team, working closely together to help deliver the best computing experience we can. Hardware and software requests are dealt with in a collaborative manner. Main classroom computer hardware is updated on a regular rolling basis.

At this point in time we are hugely ambitious in wanting to push forward with our computing department. We strive to ensure that the curriculum we deliver is modern, relevant and vibrant, and aim to reflect this in our teaching. Business and computing staff work closely together, Business staff often contributing to the KS3 programme. This shared approach to teaching and learning has been successful in developing our classroom practice and providing support and advice for all colleagues. We are a small team that work closely together, in a supportive friendly environment

Jon Scourfield
Head of business, economics and computing.

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